December 2017 Monthly Newsletter

Braves Nation: Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

With finals and/or semester exams completed, December seemed to have flown by quickly. As we enter the New Year and second semester I hope that all of you enjoy this winter recess; recharge, refresh and catch up on some needed relaxation time!

Winter Weather and Athletics

With winter around the corner there are a number of policies that come into play regarding weather and Indian Hill athletics.

- Safety is our #1 priority with all decisions based on the safety of our athletes.
- Indian Hill does not automatically cancel events due to school closures.
- Decisions are based not just on the condition of the roads but also parking lots, walkways and the policies of other school districts if it is a game night.
- Many school closures occur because of weather issues in the early morning that clear up by noon.
 - Practice: We will evaluate the situation during the morning to determine if we will open for practices in the afternoon.
 - Home Games: We will evaluate the situation during the day and attempt to make decisions by early afternoon. Note that some schools districts do not allow games on school closure days which could result in automatic game cancellations.
 - Away Games: All decisions will be made relative to the safety of our athletes regardless of decisions made by our opponent school districts.
- The first line of communication is thru your teams coaching staff.
- The Athletic Department will also update information via twitter @ihbravesad.
- Interested in attending more games? Go to <u>www.ihbraves.org</u>

Indian Hill Hall of Fame Class of 2018

Make plans to attend Indian Hill's annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at halftime of our January 26 boys home basketball game vs. Reading. There will be also be a post-game reception after the game in the auditorium lobby. Our 2018 Hall of fame honorees will be:

- Bo Cordell 2009
- Gary Rogers 1989

ProgressBook and Grades:

All report cards are generated and stored for view in ProgressBook. Grades for the second quarter and First semester will be entered by January 10th by staff and available to view on Friday January 12th.

If you haven't set up your Progressbook account prior to now, please contact Mrs. Karen Post, Guidance Secretary, and she can assist you in the process.

Parent accounts are not reset or deleted annually, so if you have previously created your account, simply click "Forgot Username and Password" for assistance and you should be able to fix it there.

<u>Re-Do Day 2018</u>

On Wednesday, January 10th, the Sophomore class will participate in the annual ReDo Day. A program facilitated by the Violence Free Coalition, ReDo is committed to creating school environments that encourage respect. We believe that respect is an action. When students participate in ReDo Day they will be asked to commit to:

- Respecting their peers
- Engaging the people around them and learning their stories
- Defending anyone they see being bullied
- Overcoming stereotypes.

After participating in the day, Indian Hill students have said:

- "I was a good way for us to accept each other."
- "It connected the students and made us feel as a family. It was very eye opening to learn about others."
- "Fun, I feel more connected and more confident."

For more information, please contact Donita Jackson or Jeff Damadeo.

2018 Winter Homecoming Dance:

- Winter Homecoming Dance will be at the Winter Club on January 27 from 8 11 pm.
- There will be games (Cornhole, Giant Jenga, and Twister), dancing, ice skating and s'mores roasting.
- Tickets will be \$20 but you will not receive a ticket until you pay AND have your parents sign a completed waiver for the Winter Club.
- Ticket sales will open via EZPay on Wednesday, January 17 and close on Wednesday, January 24 at midnight.
- Cash sales will be in the cafeteria during all three lunches beginning on Monday, January 22 and ending on Friday, January 26.
- <u>There will be NO sales at the door since you must have a completed waiver to enter the Winter Club</u>.
- The dress is semi-formal and the theme will be "Thrift Fest" (shop for your attire at your favorite thrift store).
- You are encouraged to bring your own skates and a coat!

Scheduling Night

There will be a scheduling information night for all incoming Freshman on January 31st 2018, from 6:30-7:30 pm. It will be held in the High School MP room. Members of each department and your counselors will be there to make a presentation and answer all questions regarding high school scheduling.

Course Request sequence for 2017-18 Master Schedule

Week of February 1

- HS Principal will mail course request letter to parents of incoming grade 9 students, current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students.
- 2) Registrar sends copies of this letter to parents from private schools who have inquired about enrolling.
- 3) FAQs are revised and uploaded to website
- 4) Course description book is revised and uploaded to website.

Thursday, Feb 1st X Block 7:30-9:00

	Counselors	Cafeteria	Auditorium
8:00- 8:30 a.m.	9 th grade	10 th grade	11 th grade
8:30-9:00 a.m.	10 th grade	11 th grade	9 th grade
9:00-9:30 a.m.	11 th grade	9 th grade	10 th grade

Friday, February 2nd - Teacher Signature Day

Tuesday, February 13th- Counselors visit 8th graders at middle school to go over course worksheet and four-year plan.

Thursday, February 15th – H.S. Counselors meet with their students to complete online scheduling.

Wednesday, February 21st - HS Counselors will go to Middle School to complete on-line scheduling with incoming 9th grader's course requests.

Week of March 5th Letters

Upcoming Dates:

Jan 8th: School Returns Jan 10th: "Re-Do" Day Jan 15th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL Jan 17th: College Panel (6:30-8:00pm) Jan 18th: Holocaust Survivor Presentation Jan24th: HS Test Interpretation for Parents Grades 9-11 (6:30-7:30pm) Jan 26th: Winter Homecoming BBall game & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Jan 27th: Winter Homecoming Dance Jan 31st: Incoming 9th grade Scheduling Night

<u>Counselor's Corner Monthly Newsletter</u> January 2018

TOPIC OF THE MONTH Searching for Scholarships

So you have received your college acceptance letter along with your award letter. Now you are trying to find a way to pay to attend. Many colleges will offer scholarships and you should search those college financial aid and scholarship pages to see what is available to you. There are also scholarships that are available to anyone and can be used at any college and university. To assist you in the search for scholarships, you can use scholarship search engines. There are many scholarship search engines to choose from but these are just a few that were chosen by The Scholarship Coach in the Education section of US News & World Report. Remember, you should not pay a fee to apply for scholarships. If you are asked to pay a fee, that site/scholarship may not be legitimate.

CollegeBoard.com: The College Board was founded in 1900 and currently helps 7 million students annually prepare for higher education. The College Board began publishing their book of scholarships in 1997 and since then has made the information available online. Their scholarship database contains more than 2,300 scholarship opportunities, totaling nearly \$3 billion.

CollegeNet.com: CollegeNET is a technology company that builds web-based tools for event and academic scheduling, prospect and admissions management, tuition processing, and alumni development for colleges and universities. CollegeNET also operates a scholarship search engine and social network where students create topics, participate in discussions, and vote on scholarship winners.

Fastweb: Fastweb, which has helped 50 million students find money since the site was founded 15 years ago, was the first online scholarship matching service and the first free national scholarship matching service. Fastweb's site indicates they currently have roughly 1.5 million scholarships worth \$3.4 billion in their database.

Scholarships.com: Founded in 1999, Scholarships.com now claims to be the largest free and independent scholarship search and financial aid information resource on the Internet, with more than 2.7 million scholarships worth a total of \$19 billion in their database.

ScholarshipMonkey.com: ScholarshipMonkey.com claims their database provides students access to more than 1 million undergraduate, graduate, and professional scholarship awards worth in excess of \$3 billion from greater than 4,000 sources. Like the other search engines in this article, they are committed to providing their service free of charge.

Cappex.com: Here you can uncover millions of dollars in scholarships from colleges, universities, private companies, foundations and more – to help pay for school. Complete the free profile to discover which scholarship matches you best.

Niche.com: Search lists of scholarships by choosing a category or get matched to college scholarships you are eligible for.

Indian Hill High School receives many scholarship offers that we list on the "Scholarship" page in Naviance.

MIDYEAR REPORTS

Midyear Reports (7th semester grades) will be sent to all colleges and universities for seniors that have applied beginning the week of January 22nd. Please check your marks and have any corrections resolved prior to January 22nd.

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SAT and ACT TESTING

Indian Hill High School is a testing site for the SAT exam. All students that would like to take the SAT exam may register at <u>www.sat.collegeboard.com</u>. The test site number is 36219. To register for the ACT go to <u>www.actstudent.org</u>. The test site number is 229220. All students in the class of 2018 should sign up for the SAT exam and/or the ACT with writing.

SAT exam	Registration deadline:
March 7	School Day SAT exam for Juniors at IHHS
March 10	February 9
May 5	April 6
June 2	May 3
ACT exam	Registration deadline:
ACT exam February 10	Registration deadline: January 12
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February 10	January 12
February 10 April 14 (@ IHHS)	January 12 March 9

Dates to remember for the upcoming months:

- January 8 School Resumes
- January 10 REDO day
- January 17 College Panel
- January 15 No School Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 24 PSAT Test Interpretation Night for Parents Grades 9 11
- January 31 Scheduling Night
- February 1 HS Scheduling
- February 7 HS Online Scheduling

- February 10 – ACT exam

- February 16 – 19 – NO SCHOOL – Great college visit opportunity